



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

LTC # 204-2015

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager
DATE: May 11, 2015
SUBJECT: Disability Access Committee (DAC) – request for Crossing Aide services in Public Right of Way Construction Areas

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to notify you of the DAC request to the City of Miami Beach, to provide Crossing Aide services upon request to residents with disabilities, elderly or other who may need assistance, when traveling through construction areas.

People who are blind or people who use mobility devices, have encountered numerous barriers when traveling the streets in construction areas where sidewalks are closed/blocked for construction and pedestrian traffic is rerouted. Their mobility and independence is jeopardized. Many times the alternate pedestrian route is not properly outlined (cane-detectable) and/or is not accessible, and many residents, the disabled community and/or others need assistance in finding a safe and accessible alternate route during construction.

The members suggest a point of contact, a telephone number, to request a crossing aide, crossing guard or equivalent assistance, if one cannot be made available at the construction site permanently. In addition, the members suggest, for future reference, there is detailed outreach information about upcoming construction areas and timeframes with special emphasis in reaching residents who may need assistance to safely travel the streets as pedestrians during construction and be able to fulfill these needs.

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